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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \* Case No. 3:06CR719

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Plaintiff, \* Chief Judge James G. Carr

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vs. \*

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WASSIM MAZLOUM,

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Defendant. \*

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## DEFENDANT WASSIM MAZLOUM'S MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE

Defendant Wassim Mazloum, by and through his counsel, moves this Court for an order modifying the conditions of his pre-trial release to allow Mr. Mazloum to attend religious services. A brief memorandum in support of this request follows.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATION**

This motion will be served on all counsel of record by operation of the court's electronic filing system.

/s/ Jeffrey J. Helmick

## **MEMORANDUM**

Defendant Wassim Mazloum was charged by an indictment filed February 16, 2006. He was detained continuously until this Court granted him pretrial release on August 31, 2007. Mr. Mazloum's release includes a number of safeguards, including electronic monitoring, supervision by court-approved custodians and significant restrictions on movement. Currently, Mr. Mazloum is only allowed to leave his family home for medical purposes, court appearances and conferences with his counsel. Since his release, Mr. Mazloum has adjusted well to his return to his home.

In deciding to release Mr. Mazloum, this Court specifically mentioned addresses attendance at religious services at a later time. A devout Muslim, Mr. Mazloum now proposes that he be permitted to attend services at Masjid Saad Foundation, a mosque

located at 5225 West Alexis Road, in the City of Sylvania, Ohio. This mosque is only four-tenths of a mile from Mr. Mazloum's current residence.

Mr. Mazloum asks that he be allowed to attend services at MSF mosque every Friday afternoon. In addition, the Court is undoubtedly aware that the month-long Muslim observance of Ramadan is ongoing, the most venerated and blessed month of the Islamic year. Ordinarily, a devout Muslim would attend services five times per day, every day of the holy month, which ends on October 12 this year. If this is not acceptable to the Court, Mr. Mazloum suggests as a compromise that he be allowed to attend services two additional days per week, plus Friday, through the end of Ramadan. Afterward, he would resume attendance once per week, on Friday afternoons.

Wherefore, Mr. Mazloum respectfully requests this Court to amend the terms and conditions of his pretrial release to allow his him to attend services regularly at the Masjid Saad Foundation mosque.

Respectfully submitted,

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